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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Service – Agricultural Marketing Department – Departmental Proceedings against Sri K. Ramarao, the then Supervisor, Agricultural Market Committee, Etcherla & Supervisor (Under suspension), Agricultural Market Committee, Narasannapeta under Rule 200 of A.P.(AP&LS) Market Rules, 1969 – Article of Charges framed – Orders - Issued.

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AGRICULTURE & COOPERATION (VIG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.132 **Dated:08.02.2024**

Read:-

E-file No.ACG05-16021/53/2023-DISCPLR SEC-MRKT (Computer No.2151504) dated:18.10.2023 & 17.01.2024 received from the C&DoAM, A.P., Guntur.

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O R D E R :-

It is proposed to hold an inquiry against Sri K. Ramarao, the then Supervisor, Agricultural Market Committee, Etcherla & Supervisor(U/s), Agricultural Market Committee, Narasannapeta in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 200 of Andhra Pradesh (AP&LS) Market Rules, 1969.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of Article of Charges (Annexure – I & II). A list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom the article of charges is proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure –III & IV).

3. Sri K. Ramarao, the then Supervisor, Agricultural Market Committee, Etcherla & Supervisor(U/s), Agricultural Market Committee, Narasannapeta is directed to submit his written statement of defence within 10 days on receipt of this order..

4. Sri K. Ramarao, the then Supervisor, Agricultural Market Committee, Etcherla & Supervisor(U/s), Agricultural Market Committee, Narasannapeta is further informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those article of charges that are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny the article of charge.

5. Sri K. Ramarao, the then Supervisor, Agricultural Market Committee, Etcherla & Supervisor(U/s), Agricultural Market Committee, Narasannapeta is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in Para 3 above, further action will be proceeded based on the material available.

6. The attention of Sri K. Ramarao, the then Supervisor, Agricultural Market Committee, Etcherla & Supervisor (U/s), Agricultural Market Committee, Narasannapeta is invited to Rule 24 of the A.P.C.S (Conduct) Rules, 1964 under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to hear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt within these proceedings it will be

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presumed that Sri K. Ramarao, the then Supervisor, Agricultural Market Committee, Etcherla & Supervisor(U/s), Agricultural Market Committee, Narasannapeta is aware of such representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of the A.P.C.S (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of this order shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PARDESH)

CHIRANJIV CHOUDHARY, IFS,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri K. Ramarao,
The then Supervisor, Agricultural Market Committee, Etcherla &
Supervisor(Under suspension), Agricultural Market Committee,
Narasannapeta.
(Through : The Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing,
A.P., Guntur)
Copy to:-
The Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing,
A.P., Guntur.
SF/SC.

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SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE - I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI K. RAMARAO, THE THEN SUPERVISOR, AGRICULTURAL MARKET COMMITTEE, ETCHERLA AND SUPERVISOR (U/S), AGRICULTURAL MARKET COMMITTEE, NARASANNAPETA.

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ARTICLE OF CHARGE-I

"That Sri K. Ramarao, the then Supervisor, Agricultural Market Committee, Etcherla & Supervisor(U/s), Agricultural Market Committee, Narasannapeta has willfully colluded with Sri S. Chinni Krishna, Secretary Grade-I (U/s), AMC, Ichapuram and committed to misappropriation for an amount of Rs.5,00,000/-. Out of which an amount of Rs.42,03,908/- towards Market Fee received from the APSCSCL by the way of diversion of amount of Rs. 5,00,000/- to the Account No.20212439787 of Sri K. Ramarao, Supervisor, AMC, Etcherla on 20.03.2023 during his working period at Agricultural Market Committee, Etcherla.

By his above mentioned acts, he has failed to maintain absolute integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of public servant by violating Rule 3 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964".

ARTICLE OF CHARGE-II

"That Sri K. Ramarao, the then Supervisor, Agricultural Market Committee, Etcherla &Supervisor(U/s), Agricultural Market Committee, Narasannapeta has willfully colluded with Sri S. Chinni Krishna, presently Secretary Grade-II (U/s), Agricultural Market Committee, Ichapuram and committed to misappropriation of Agricultural Market Committee funds with a tune of Rs.10,00,000/- by the way of diversion of SBI Account No.20212439787 of Sri K. Ramarao, Supervisor, Agricultural Market Committee, Etcherla on 07.05.2021 through Current Account No.33056881669 by Sri Chinni Krishna, presently Secretary Grade-II (U/s), Agricultural Market Committee, Ichapuram during his working period at Agricultural Market Committee, Etcherla.

By his above mentioned acts, he has failed to maintain absolute integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of public servant by violating Rule 3 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964".

ARTICLE OF CHARGE – III

"That Sri K. Ramarao, the then Supervisor, Agricultural Market Committee, Etcherla & Supervisor (U/s), Agricultural Market Committee, Narasannapeta has willfully colluded with Sri S. Chinni Krishna, Secretary Gr.II (U/s), AMC, Ichapuram and misappropriated for an amount of Rs. 76,890/- which was adjusted in the individual account vide CFMS Bill No. 2020-2269164, dated:23.02.2021 out of which amount of Rs.4,25,236/- towards pension contribution drawn from the Agricultural Market Committee funds, Etcherla.

By his above mentioned acts he has failed to maintain absolute integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of public servant by violating rule 3 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964".

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ARTICLE OF CHARGE – IV

"That Sri K. Ramarao, the then Supervisor, Agricultural Market Committee, Etcherla & Supervisor (U/s), Agricultural Market Committee, Narasannapeta has willfully colluded with Sri S. Chinni Krishna, presently Secretary Grade-II (U/s), Agricultural Market Committee, Ichapuram and committed to misappropriation for an amount of Rs.26,901/- out of which an amount of Rs.31,01,390/- towards "expenditure incurred by cash withdrawals / transfer to different accounts" by the way of transfer to account of Sri K. Ramarao, the then Supervisor, Agricultural Market Committee, Etcherla through Cheque No. 303775, dated:09.03.2021 by Sri S. Chinni Krishna, presently Secretary Grade-II (U/s), Agricultural Market Committee, Ichapuram.

By his above mentioned acts, he has failed to maintain absolute integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of public servant by violating Rule 3 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964".

ANNEXURE - II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI K. RAMARAO, THE THEN SUPERVISOR, AGRICULTURAL MARKET COMMITTEE, ETCHERLA & SUPERVISOR (U/S), AGRICULTURAL MARKET COMMITTEE, NARASANNAPETA ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

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Imputation to Charge I:-

Basing on report of Regional Joint Director of Marketing, Visakhapatnam and verification report of team members, it was noticed and mentioned at Point No.7, Sri K. Ramarao, the then Supervisor, Agricultural Market Committee, Etcherla & Supervisor(U/s), Agricultural Market Committee, Narasannapeta has colluded with Sri S. Chinni Krishna, Secretary Grade-II (U/s), Agricultural Market Committee, Ichapuram and committed to misappropriation for an amount of Rs.5,00,000/- An amount of Rs.42,03,908/- towards market fee received from the APSCSCL to the current account of the AMC, Etcherla on 18.03.2023 and an amount of Rs.5,00,000/- was diverted to the Account No.20212439787 of Sri K. Ramarao, Supervisor, Agricultural Market Committee, Etcherla on 20.03.2023 during his working period at Agricultural Market Committee, Etcherla by Sri S. Chinni Krishna, presently Secretary Gr.II (U/s), Agricultural Market Committee, Ichapuram.

Imputations of Charge II:-

Basing on report of Regional Joint Director of Marketing, Visakhapatnam and verification report of team members, it was noticed and mentioned at Point No.8 Sri K. Ramarao, the then Supervisor, Agricultural Market Committee, Etcherla & Supervisor(U/s), Agricultural Market Committee, Narasannapeta has willfully colluded with Sri S. Chinni Krishna, Secretary Gr.II (U/s), Agricultural Market Committee, Ichapuram and committed to misappropriation of an amount of AMC, Etcherela funds with tune of Rs.10,00,000/-. An amount of Rs.11,04,400/- by the way of diversion of SBI Account No.20212439787 of Sri K. Ramarao, Supervisor,

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Agricultural Market Committee, Etcherla presently (U/s) on 07.05.2021 through Current Account No.33056881669 by Sri Chinni Krishna, presently Secretary Grade-II (U/s), Agricultural Market Committee, Ichapuram during his working period at Agricultural Market Committee, Etcherla.

Imputations of Charge III:-

Basing on report of Regional Joint Director of Marketing, Visakhapatnam and verification report of team members, it was noticed and mentioned at Point No.10 Sri K. Ramarao, the then Supervisor, Agricultural Market Committee, Etcherla & Supervisor(U/s), Agricultural Market Committee, Narasannapeta has colluded with Sri S. Chinni Krishna, Secretary Grade-II (U/s), Agricultural Market Committee, Ichapuram and committed to misappropriation of Agricultural Market Committee funds with a tune of Rs.76,890/-. Out of which an amount of Rs.4,25,236/- towards pension contribution drawn from the Agricultural Market Committee, Etcherla funds by Sri S. Chinni Krishna, presently Secretary Grade-II (U/s), Agricultural Market Committee, Ichapuram and an amount of Rs.76,890/- was transferred to Account No.20212439787 of Sri K. Ramarao on 01.03.2021.

Imputations of Charge IV:-

Basing on report of Regional Joint Director of Marketing, Visakhapatnam and verification report of team members, it was noticed and mentioned at Point No.13 Sri K. Ramarao, the then Supervisor, Agricultural Market Committee, Etcherla & Supervisor (U/s), Agricultural Market Committee, Narasannapeta has colluded with Sri S. Chinni Krishna, presently Secretary Grade-II (U/s), Agricultural Market Committee, Ichapuram and committed to misappropriation for an amount of Rs.26,901/. An amount of Rs.31,01,390/- towards "expenditure incurred by cash withdrawals / transfer to different accounts" by the way of transfer to account of Sri K. Ramarao, the then Supervisor, Agricultural Market Committee, Etcherla through Cheque No. 303775, Dt:09.03.2021 by Sri S. Chinni Krishna, presently Secretary Grade-II (U/s), Agricultural Market Committee, Ichapuram.

By the above mentioned acts, he has failed to maintain absolute integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of the public servant and contravened Rule 3 of A.P.C.S. (Conduct) Rules, 1964 and rendered himself liable for disciplinary action. Hence, the Charge.

ANNEXURE – III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI K. RAMARAO, THE THEN SUPERVISOR, AGRICULTURAL MARKET COMMITTEE, ETCHERLA AND SUPERVISOR (U/S), AGRICULTURAL MARKET COMMITTEE, NARASANNAPETA.

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Roc. No. 102/A/2023, Dt:11.10.2023 of the Regional Joint Director of Marketing, Visakhapatnam along with Verification Report of Team Members submitted by the Team Leader i.e., Regional Deputy Director of Marketing, Visakhapatnam in Letter Rc. No. 15/DDM/VSP/2023, Dt:09.10.2023.

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ANNEXURE – IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM BY THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI K. RAMARAO, THE THEN SUPERVISOR, AGRICULTURAL MARKET COMMITTEE, ETCHERLA PRESENTLY SUPERVISOR (U/S), AGRICULTURAL MARKET COMMITTEE, NARASANNAPETA ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

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1. The Regional Joint Director of Marketing, Visakhapatnam.
2. Team Members of Verification Report:

   i. Sri S. Erranna, Regional Deputy Director of Marketing, Visakhapatnam (Team Leader)
   ii. Sri P. Vasudeva Rao, Selection Grade Secretary, AMC, Ramanchandrapuram.
   iii. Sri V.V.B.A Ganapathi, Senior Assistant, AMC, Anakapalli.
   iv. Sri N. Govinda Rao, Supervisor, AMC, Etcherla.

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